

Planning Department Factsheet



Our Mission

Foster the proper growth of Franklin County to ensure the enjoyment of life by each citizen in a pleasant, healthful and harmonious environment.

Guiding Principles:

- Promoting economic development to revitalize communities.
- Sustaining open space, aesthetic, and historic character.
- Protecting farms, forests, and streams.
- Safeguarding our recreational and valuable natural resources.

Franklin County Outlook

Total Population: **154,147**³

Population Growth since 2010: **2.9%**^{1,3}

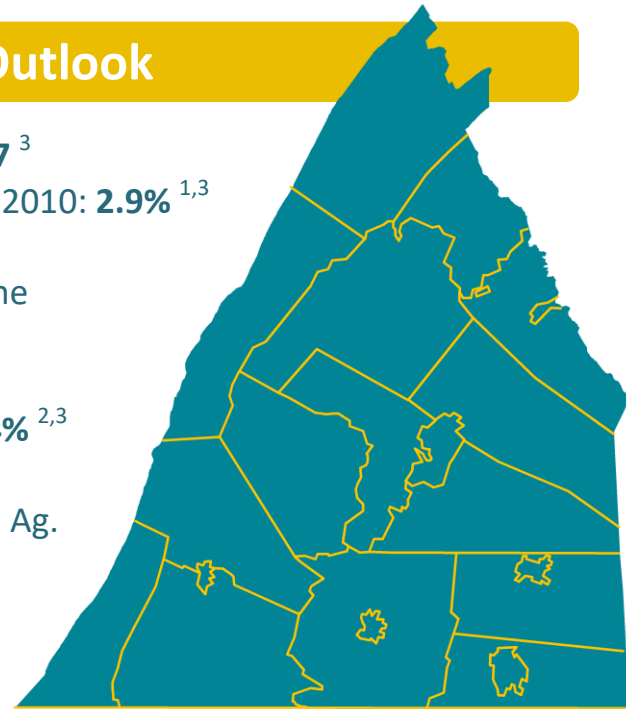
Median Household Income
Annual Growth: **5%**^{2,3}

Employment Growth: **1.4%**^{2,3}

\$413 million annual total Ag.
cash receipts.⁴

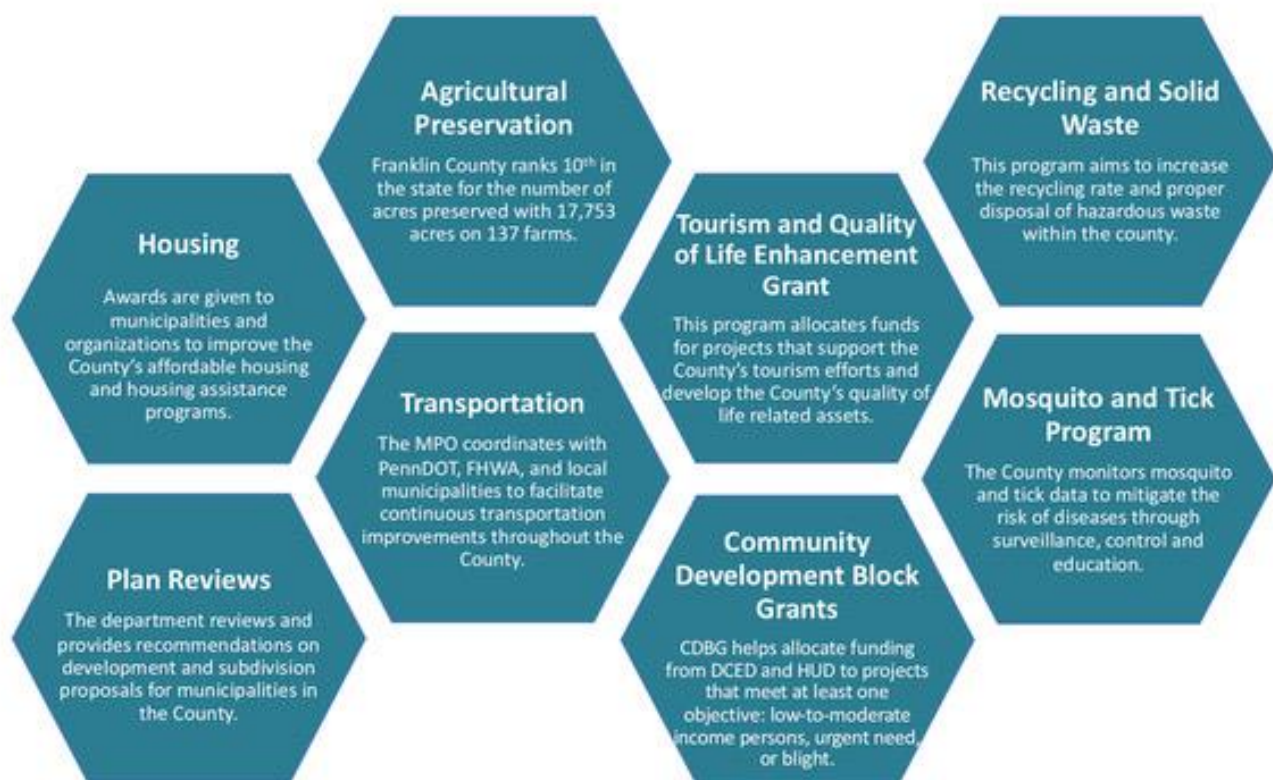
Ranked **2nd** in PA in total
Cropland and Production
of milk.⁴

Ranked **10th** in PA in farmland preservation
Total acres preserved: **17,753**⁴



Data provided by: ¹ the Census Bureau 2010,
² Census Bureau 2018, ³ Census Bureau 2019
ACS 5-year Estimates, and ⁴ nass.usda.gov

Programs and Initiatives



WHO WE ARE



Steven Thomas, AICP is the Director of the Franklin County Planning Department. Steve oversees the daily operations of the Planning Department, ensuring that all roles, responsibilities, and tasks of the Department are executed in a timely manner and in accordance with the overall Mission and Vision of Franklin County.



Nicole Boling is the Senior Planner in the Franklin County Planning Department. Nicole focuses on coordinating the implementation of various programs and activities within the department in addition to facilitating municipal and public outreach initiatives.



Rochelle Barvinchack is a Planner III in the Franklin County Planning Department. Her main focus is on administering the County's Agricultural Preservation Program. She also assists residents with recycling resources, issues new addresses, and reviews subdivision plans and ordinances for the County's municipalities.



Garrett Vandebrake is a Planner III in the Franklin County Planning Department. He joined the Planning Department to manage the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and assist with other general planning needs.



Kenana Korkutovic is a Planner III in the Franklin County Planning Department. Her focus is on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning. She coordinates with the Federal Highway Administration, PennDOT, and local municipalities in planning for the growing transportation needs within the County and assists with other general planning needs.



Jason Goetz is the Mosquito and Tick Borne Disease Control Specialist in the Franklin County Planning Department. His main duties for the County include mitigating the risk of mosquito and tick borne diseases through surveillance, control, and education.



Pam Peters is the Administrative Assistant in the Franklin County Planning Department and the first contact for the department. Her main function is to assist everyone in the department to ensure efficient operations of the department. She acts as a liaison between our department and other county agencies, departments and municipalities.

Meeting Information

Public meetings are generally held quarterly in February, May, August, and November for the following Boards and Commission:

PLANNING COMMISSION

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Public meetings are generally held in March, June, September, and December for the following Board:

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION BOARD

Please contact the Planning Department for specific meeting information, including dates, times, and locations.

Contact Information

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Closed weekends and County observed holidays.

